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November 18, 1992

C. W. A. Broadcast Inc.
C.W. Adams, Jr.
35 Solomons Island Road
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Mr. Adams:

This letter is to inform you that two communication towers have been approved by the County Board of Appeals since 1985. Both towers are located in the Trappe area. They are Falcon Classic Cable, a cable T.V. Company and Dover Radio Page Inc. a modular phone company. Dover Radio Page applied for their permit under the old zoning rules and Falcon Cable made their application after the new three mile rule went into effect.

As you know from our previous discussions over the past weeks and months, there appears to be no sites available for your radio tower under your current parameters. Currently there are four communication towers in the Trappe area. If you could utilize one of these towers, which is already in place, no public hearings or permits short of a building permit for any structures proposed would be necessary. This applies only to the tower but does not include the studio. The studio is a commercial use and would require commercial zoning. This certainly seems like a logical way to pursue your objectives.

If I can be of further assistance feel free to contact me. I have also enclosed a map showing communication towers in the County.

Sincerely,

TALBOT COUNTY OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING

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August 27, 1992

Honorable Wayne T. Gilchrest 335 High Street Chestertown, MD 21620

Dear Congressman Gilchrest:

The County has received your letter of August 17, 1992 concerning a zoning request from Charles W. Adams, Jr.

Mr. Adams was granted a Special Exception by the Talbot County Board of Appeals in January, 1986 for a radio transmitter tower to be constructed in the Trappe area of Talbot County. He was subsequently granted permit extensions to January 6, 1989. After the permit expired, Mr. Adams reapplied on January 2, 1991 for a Special Exception to construct a radio transmitter tower and a broadcasting studio and also requested a variance of the height regulations for the tower. The broadcasting studio was not included in his 1985 request.

The County Planning Commission recommended approval of the Special Exception. However, the County Planning Officer interpreted the zoning regulations to prohibit radio or broadcasting stations in residentially zoned areas. Many neighbors of the proposed tower and studio voiced opposition at the Board of Appeals hearing and pointed out that the current zoning laws in effect would not allow such use. Mr. Adams' request for a Special Exception for both the radio transmitter tower and broadcasting studio were denied by the Talbot County Board of Appeals on March 20, 1991. We are enclosing copies of the file information on Mr. Adams' requests.

The County Council of Talbot County appreciates your interest in the concerns of local citizens.

Sincerely,

COUNTY COUNCIA OF TALBOT COUNTY

Clinton S. Bradley, III, President

Enclosure

CSB:pr

WAB 31 1885

Jacqueline L. Thomas P.01235 Easton Md. 21601 Ocean Gate Way 7055 Rt50 301-476-3835-1800 446-9066 Ex 2019 Between Amstes house Rd. + Sandertown Ra Hole In the Wall) Jacqueline L. Thomas here by charles walter Adams Jr. President of C. W. A. Broadcasting +NC. to construct a F.M. Transmitting toward my Property Jacquelina L' Thomas 1-10-92

## THE SCOTT'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



P.O. BOX 148 21673 TRAPPE, MARYLAND

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JAMES BROOKS, LAY LEADER - ELOIS BROWN, ADM. BRD, CHAIRPERSON
JOSEPH W. WILLIAMS, JR. PASTOR

July 27, 1992

Mr. C.W. Adams 35 Solomon's Island road Annapolis, Maryland 21401

#### Dear Mr. Adams

I have heard that you have been stymied on almost every turn in establishing a Commercial radio Station on the Delmarva Peninsula. I write this letter expressing regret that, what i feel is a great injustice has been done to Talbot county and the Eastern Shore of Maryland, as well as yourself.

I dislike having to use the term "racism); but it would seem that this is the case in this instance.

I had occasion to attend the hearing in the Talbot County Court House in 1991, concerning the placing of your radio tower in the black community of Trappe, and was saddened in the realization that all of the opposition seemed to come from the "White Community". This gives us to feel that things that enhance the status of blacks in our area is opposed by the powers that be.

It is interesting to note that there is not one black commercial radio station on the Eastern Shore.

We, the ministers (more than 50 in number, representing thousands of members are sure that astation of your calbre would not only add stature to the black people in this area, but would also make for better relations between blacks, Hispanics, Whites, and all other ethnic groups.

We are aware of your past community services (through W. A. N. N.) for over thirty years, and have often coveted this kind of service located on the Eastern Shore.

I dont want you to feel that this is polorized (that it is blacks only who are wishing you success in this venture. I have reason to assert that there are many well thinking people in the white race who feel as i do, and also feel that you have been done an injustice by a few people in the minority.

Mr. Adams. please dont give up your efforts. There are many persons who are awnting to hear of your success, and i believe that will really to your cause. have faith in God, for we are praying for you, and I believe that God will reward

you with success.

Your's In Christ

Rev. Joseph W. Williams, Pastor Scott's United methodist Church

PS. Thank God, the F.C.C. was fair in awarding the Radio Station to you; and thank God that the people in opposition cannot influence them or their discision.

Mr. Adams, pleas dont give up! Please dont give up! Others are depending on you!

## "EXHIBIT B"



JIM SLEEMAN 125 CHESTER AVE. ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21403

DEAR MR. SLEEMAN,

This letter is in reference to our telephone conversations regarding the possibility of CWA Broadcasting leasing tower space on our Wades Point tower. WBOC-TV will agree to provide tower space on this tower under the following conditions: (1) The completion of a tower structural analysis showing the tower is or can be made suitable for the purpose, a copy to be sent to me. (2) Potential interference with our receive and transmit operations can be eliminated. (3) We can agree on rental fees and maintenance responsibilities.

GENE HORNER

CHIEF ENGINEER

WBOC-TV

## LECHMAN & JOHNSON, INC.

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PETER W. LECHMAN
THOMAS J. JOHNSON

October 23, 1992

FACSIMILE (301) 249-2953

LJ-458

Mr. Gene Horner Chief Engineer Television Station WBOC 1729 North Salisburg Blvd. Salisbury, Maryland 21801

RE: WDOC-TV Auxiliary Tower

Dear Mr. Horner:

First, let me introduce myself. I am a consulting electrical engineer practicing before the Federal Communications Commission in the capacity of radio and television broadcasting for the past 21 years. Before starting my business, 12 years ago, I worked for A.D. Ring & Associates. I was the engineer for A.D. Ring that spent approximately 2 months in Salisbury on behalf of WBOC-TV in the installation of its new UHF antenna and taking television field strength measurements throughout your service area.

I represent C.W.A. Broadcasting, Inc., permittee to construct a new FM facility in the Cambridge area. The owner, C.W. Adams, Jr., and a representative, Jim Sleeman, discussed with you the possible use of one of WBOC-TV's auxiliary towers to install its FM antenna thereon. According to the information given to me, the tower is 285 feet AGL at the following coordinates:

North Latitude: 38° 49' 17" West Longitude: 76° 17' 27"

The tower is presently used as a receive site for various VHF and UHF television signals that are microwaved to a predetermined location. You have expressed concern whether the C.W.A. proposal of locating an FM antenna on this tower would cause interference to television reception and or degrade the picture quality of the received signal.

I hope I've described properly the environment of the facilities at this site. C.W.A. proposes to extend the tower approximately another 50 feet with a top pole mount for its proposed FM antenna. The extension of the tower is subject to FAA approval and whether the tower can accommodate the additional stress, torque, and wind loading. A structural engineer would have to make that determination prior to your full approval of the use of this tower. As for the electronic environment, the proposed FM

operation is not expected to have any adverse effect upon the receive facilities located in the general vicinity. C.W.A. will address all complaints of alleged interference as a result of its construction of its facility and resolve such complaints satisfactorily to the complainant. There are technical techniques in the broadcast industry that will resolve interference should interference occur.

It is very difficult Gene to address the potential of interference when I am not sure of the facilities at the St. Michael tower site. It is my belief, based upon 21 years of experience in the broadcast industry, that should interference occur, there is a solution to resolving the interference. I personally own various radio stations throughout the country and have seen just about every type of radio and television interference via my client's problems or my stations. In all instances, we have been able to resolve interference satisfactory to the complainant.

Should you have any other questions, please feel free to contact me at the above address or at (301) 390-0900 to discuss this letter.

Very truly yours,

LECHMAN & JOHNSON, INC.

Peter W. Lechman

President

PWL:pmc

cc: C.W. Adams, Jr. Jim Sleeman

January 20, 1993

Mr. William Prettyman Prettyman Broadcasting Company Radio Station WICO-FM PO Box 909 Salisbury, MD 21801

Dear Mr. Prettyman:

I hope this finds you well and that you enjoyed your holidays.

The primary reason for my letter is to request that we get together as soon as possible to finalize the details on making the channel exchange of WICO (FM) in Salisbury at 94.3 Mhz to 97.5Mhz. As you are aware, I met with your Chief Engineer some time ago to discuss this matter.

By way of a brief history that you may not be totally aware of, I have been involved for a long period of time with zoning problems with the Talbot County Planning and Zoning, which is the overriding reason for my long delay in getting WFBR(FM) 94.3 on the air.

I know you have received a notice from the F.C.C. about C.W.A. Broadcasting proposal for rule making. We are hopeful, should the F.C.C. approve this rule making, we can move quickly on meeting our responsibility to you and WICO on this exchange of channel and get WFBR at 94.3 on the air.

I would like to request that we make arrangements to meet as soon as possible in Salisbury or Annapolis. I would further like to suggest this meeting include yourself, your Chief Engineer, myself and my new associate, Mr. Jim Sleeman and whoever else you would like to include.

I am hopeful you can call me as soon as possible at 410-266-6996 or Mr. Sleeman at 410-263-0240 so we can discuss in further detail this critical matter to both of us.

Very truly yours,

Charles W. Adams, Jr.

President

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